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DEPARTMENT FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND UNDER SECRETARY
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QUITO FOR AMBASSADOR BREWSTER FROM JOHN NORTON MOORE

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS ARA RODGERS, OES RIDGWAY AND
D/LOS ESKIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, PFOR, EFIS, EC

SUBJECT: LOS TUNA INTITATIVE

REF: QUITO 8187

1. YOUR INQUIRY ABOUT TUNA INDUSTRY CONTACTS CONCERNING
ACTIONS TO FOSTER ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS AND POSSIBILITIES
TO AVOID PROBLEMS DURING THE NEXT FISHING SEASON HAS
BEEN REFERRED TO OES AND ARA FOR REPLY. I CONTINUE
TO BELIEVE THAT PRAGMATIC ACTIONS ENABLING BOTH SIDES
TO GET THROUGH COMING TUNA SEASON WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENTS IS

CRITICAL TO RESOLUTION OF LONG-STANDING DISPUTE
THROUGH A NEW REGIONAL AGREEMENT.

2. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE

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HELPFUL IF YOU COULD INFORM SUB-SECRETARY AYALA THAT

TALKS ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS BUT THE PACE IS TOO SLOW. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE AGREEMENT THAT ALL ESSENTIAL CONSERVATION RULES, INCLUDING ALLOCATION SYSTEM, BE MANDATORY AFTER ALL COASTAL STATES AGREE THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION ON SUCH RULES AND THAT WE THREAT ISSUE OF APPROPRIATE COASTAL STATE PREFERENCE IN GENERAL TERMS ONLY IN ARTICLE 53. I BELIEVE IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE REACH AGREEMENT ON INFORMAL BASIS AT NEW YORK MEETING ON TEXT OF ARTICLE 53.

3. FYI. PRINCIPAL SLOWDOWN WAS THAT ECUADORIANS AND PERUVIANS DID NOT DISTRIBUTE TO GALINDO-POHL IN ADVANCE THERE VERSION OF ARTICLE 53 AS AYALA AND I HAD AGREED. INSTEAD THE ARTICLE WAS DISTRIBUTED AS A PERUVIAN ARTICLE AFTER SEVERAL DAYS GENERAL DISCUSSION. THE RESULT WAS TWO OR THREE DAYS DELAY UNTIL BOTH VERSIONS OF ARTICLE 53 WERE ON TABLE.

4. WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED ARTICLE BY ARTICLE DISCUSSION OF US AND PERUVIAN VERSIONS OF ARTICLE 53 AND IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT GALINDO-POHL AS CHAIRMAN WILL PREPARE COMPROMISE DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE BUT SIDES ARE STILL FAR APART ON WHETHER KEY ALLOCATION RULES AND SYSTEM OF UNIFORM FEES WILL BE MANDATORY AND ON TREATMENT OF APPROPRIATE COASTAL STATE PREFERENCE IN ONLY GENERAL TERMS SUCH AS QTE. EQUITABLE ALLOCATION UNQTE. RATHER THAN ECUADORIAN /PERUVIAN EFFORT TO SPELL OUT COMPLETE COASTAL STATE PREFERENCE FOR ALL TUNA CAUGHT WITHIN 200 MILES. OUR GOAL FOR TALKS IS REACHING AGREEMENT ON INFORMAL BASIS ON NEW ARTICLE 53 AND BEGINNING DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE NEW REGIONAL AGREEMENT BASED ON US DRAFT NOW BEING CIRCULATED AS CALINDO-POHL DRAFT.

5. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT DURING OPENING STATEMENT THE ECUADORIANS INDICATED THEY COULD NOT AGREE TO A NEW REGIONAL AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER AN LOS TREATY IS IN FORCE. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS IS DUG IN POSITION OR WHETHER THEY CAN BE BROUGHT AROUND TO IDEA OF REGIONAL SECRET

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AGREEMENT IN PLACE EVEN BEFORE LOS TREATY CONCLUDED. BASED ON FACT THAT MEXICANS ARE PRESSING FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR ON NEW REGIONAL AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS MY PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH AYLA, I BELIEVE THAT ECUADORIANS CAN BE BROUGHT AROUND BUT THAT EMBASSY SHOULD WORK ON AYALA AND SEPARATE MINISTRIES ON THIS POINT.

6. D/LOS FOR ESKIN: PLEASE OBTAIN DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE
ASAP TO ACTION REQUESTED EMBASSY QUITO.
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